

Date:

November 14, 2022

To:

NWACC Board of Trustees

From:

Dr. Dennis C. Rittle, President

Subject:

Resolution approving Benton County millage election

WHEREAS, voters in the Bentonville and Rogers Public School Districts approved a millage of 3.0 mills to support NorthWest Arkansas Community College on August 15, 1989; and

WHEREAS, NWACC's millage was "rolled back" following property tax reassessments as prescribed in Amendments 59 and 74 of the Arkansas Constitution and A.C.A. 26-26-401; and

WHEREAS, A.C.A. 6-61-602 gives a community college board the authority to levy a millage and request a millage election,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED:

The NorthWest Arkansas Community College Board of Trustees hereby petitions the Benton County Board of Election Commissioners to hold a millage election on May 9, 2023, in order to restore the college's millage to 3.0 mills from its current rate of 2.6 mills.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The Board of Trustees approves paying the associated expenses with conducting the election on May 9, 2023, which will be in conjunction with local school district millage elections.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The ballot title and question shall read as follows:

NorthWest Arkansas Community College District

RESTORE 3.0 COMMUNITY COLLEGE MILLAGE

The 3.0 millage proposed above restores the community college district millage to the rate initially approved by voters in 1989. One-third of the millage revenue is restricted for capital improvement and capital debt payments and two-thirds is budgeted for non-capital operating expenditures.

FOR or AGAINST

RECOMMENDATION:

The NorthWest Arkansas Community College Administration recommends the Board of Trustees approve the resolution to hold a millage election on May 9, 2023, for a sum of 3.0 mills on the dollar of the assessed value of the taxable property of the district.

Approved this 14th day of November, 2022.

Dr. DeAnne Witherspoon, Chair

Mrs. Rachel Harris, Secretary